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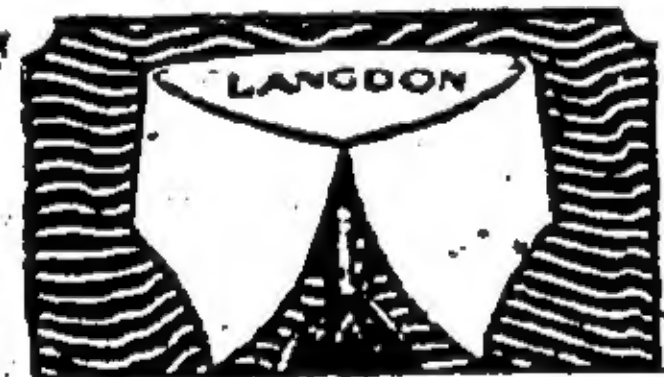
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail)

THE COAL STRIKE.

THIN RAY OF HOPE.

LONDON, April 4.

The fact that leaders like Clegg, Thomas, and Goaling have been silent over the weekend is regarded as indicating that some move in the direction of peace may be made before the fateful decision of the Triple Alliance on April 6. This is the only ray of hope in the gloom of the industrial crisis today. Meetings of Scottish railwaymen at Glasgow, Edinburgh and Perth resolved to support the miners, even by a strike, thus following the example of meetings in the large railway centres of England. The attitude of the railwaymen is that if they don't support the miners now they cannot expect the help of the miners when the railways are decontrolled in August. Serious reports of flooding of pits in Scotland, England and Wales were received today. A fire due to ignition of gases is raging in one colliery at Neath. It is feared the pit will be destroyed. The threatening attitude of the miners on many a coalfield is causing consternation to the volunteers. The Rhondda Miners' Association decided that everyone, including managers and officials, must cease work immediately. A crowd stoned the men guarding the colliery and railway at Falkirk.

LATEST SUMMARY.

LONDON, April 4.

Summing up the situation, the Admiralty has cancelled all leave. The Rhondda miners' decision cabled earlier will have disastrous results if means are found to give it effect. The pits will be ruined in 48 hours. Today the Down's steel works closed down, making a thousand men idle.

Considerable difficulties are being experienced in keeping alive the pit ponies. In many areas it is stated that the miners' officials are preventing the outsiders from working.

The South Western railway has cancelled 200 trains as from April 6. Other lines are restricting their running in a similar way.

EXTRAORDINARY REGULATIONS.

LONDON, April 4.

In connection with the coal strike the Gazette publishes a series of drastic regulations with an extensive scope, giving the Government power to take possession and requisition food, forage, land, coal, coal mines, horses, vehicles, tramways, light railways, and canals and their equipment, to regulate road transport and limit or prohibit the transport of any goods, to regulate traffic in ports and harbours, to regulate clearance of ships, to prohibit the unloading of any goods, to regulate distribution, price and use of coal, gas, water, electricity, and petrol, to prohibit in any area the buying, selling, or possession of firearms, also drilling, meetings, and processions, and to employ His Majesty's forces in any service of vital importance to the community. These regulations give the police increased powers regarding searches and the arrest of suspects without warrant. Penalties are provided to a maximum of three years hard labour or a fine of a hundred pounds.

SENSATIONAL REPORTS.

LONDON, April 4.

It was declared to-night that it is generally regarded as certain that the Triple Alliance will decide on April 6 actively to support the miners, although the attitude of the transport men is unknown definitely, but it is understood that owing to the prevalence of unemployment among transport men the unity of their federation is problematical. Anyway, the Triple leaders are expected to defer the strike order until they have made an effort at a peaceful settlement. The outlook on the coalfields grows progressively worse and as a result of threats at mass demonstrations there was at least one instance of violence, safety men being compelled to leave the works. The evening papers state that a most truculent spirit is being exhibited in many areas of Scotland and Wales, while the Fifeshire men are inclined to lawlessness.

At a miners' meeting at Wrexham speakers urged the federation not to pay strike money but to arm all miners who are ex-soldiers.

REPARATIONS.

LONDON, April 4.

Mr. Charles White asked in the House of Commons whether India or any of the Dominions had introduced or passed legislation similar to the German reparations act. Mr. Lloyd George replied that the answer was in the negative except in the case of Newfoundland.

Replying to Mr. Briant, he stated no agreement had been reached with the Allies with regard to the allocation of payments under the reparations act.

IMMIGRANTS TO U.S.A.

ROGUEY SOMEWHERE.

NEW YORK, April 4.

Several hundreds of immigrants, mostly women and children, who were recently sent back to Europe from New York for having fraudulent passports, will be returned here and permitted to land, as instructions have been given to all American consulates in Europe. Meanwhile the State Department is investigating the source of their bogus papers.

THE HORROR IN IRELAND.

LONDON, April 4.

In the House of Commons at question time the Rt. Hon. Denis Henry made a statement that for the quarter ended June 30, Sinn Fein outrages in Ireland totalled 2,152. Police killed numbered 29 and wounded 37. In the quarter ended September 30 the outrages were 4,770, with police casualties 53 killed and 96 wounded. Military lost 12 killed and 54 wounded. In the quarter ended December 31 there were 1,726 outrages, the police casualties in which were 73 killed and 92 wounded, military 34 killed and 61 wounded. In the quarter ended March 31, outrages numbered 2,246 with police casualties 88 killed and 155 wounded, military 44 killed and 84 wounded.

TRAIN SMASH IN AMERICA.

43 FATALITIES.

EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, April 4.

A freight train and a passenger train collided at Villagatza between Farrallon and Monterey, causing 33 deaths.

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SPORT.

CANTON REGATTA.

KEENLY CONTESTED EVENTS.

The Canton Rowing Club's annual regatta held on Saturday, at Belchers Island, Canton, was a very successful event. The programme started promptly at 2.15 p.m., the first event being the Inter-Club Senior Fours. Hongkong was well-represented by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and the V.R.C., and the former were successful in winning the Senior Fours. Senior Pairs and Single Sculls. The Junior Four was won by the V.R.C., and the Junior Pairs by the Canton Club. By kind permission of Commander E. B. Cloete, R.N., and Officers, H.M.S. "Tarantula" acted as flagship in which the Chairman, Mr. E. A. H. Sty, and Committee were "At Home." A large number of Canton residents turned out to watch the racing.

THE RACING DESCRIBED.

Descriptions of the various events follow:—

SENIOR FOURS.

The Senior Fours race was very keenly contested by all three crews. The Royals, getting a good start, obtained the lead, which they held to the 4-mile post. Canton and the V.R.C. then spurred and drew level, and this order continued until the 4-mile post was passed. At this point the Royals made a great effort, spurred and again obtained a lead of one length from both their opponents, which they maintained to the winning post. The names of the winning crew are as follows:—C. F. Logan (bow); V. G. Smyth (2); P. H. Davies (3); J. S. McCann (stroke); T. H. White (cox).—Time, 5mins. 31secs.

JUNIOR FOURS.

The second event was the Junior Pairs, which was well contested. The V.R.C. had a good start and obtained a lead of 14 lengths, from Canton, which they maintained until the 4-mile post was passed. At this point, the stroke (J. Berenson) unfortunately got cramp in his arms and was obliged to stop rowing. Canton then obtained the lead, winning a good race from the Royals by 2 lengths. Winning crew:—A. E. Quinn (bow); M. Ogier (stroke); A. Hotson (cox).—Time, 5mins. 59secs.

SINGLE SCULLS.

The third event was the Single Sculls, for which only two entries were received; W. A. Alexander representing Canton, and J. S. McCann Hongkong. Alexander very sportingly agreed to make the distance for this race half-a-mile, instead of a mile (as stated on the programme), as McCann had to row in the Senior Pairs later on in the day. Both oarsmen had a bad start owing to the wash of a launch passing at the time, but both quickly settled down to a hard race, which was won by McCann in 3mins. 59secs., by one length.

JUNIOR FOURS.

The fourth event was the Junior Fours race, which was keenly contested by all crews, the V.R.C. winning by 14 lengths from Canton and the Royals being third 4 lengths behind. The Royals were unfortunate in the selection of their Junior crew; bow side throughout the race pulling too strongly against stroke side. Consequently the rower was hard over against bow side the whole time. Winning crew:—G. May (bow); G. Tiran (2); J. Berenson (3); G. T. Claridge (stroke); A. Carroll (cox).—Time, 6mins. 27secs.

SENIOR PAIRS.

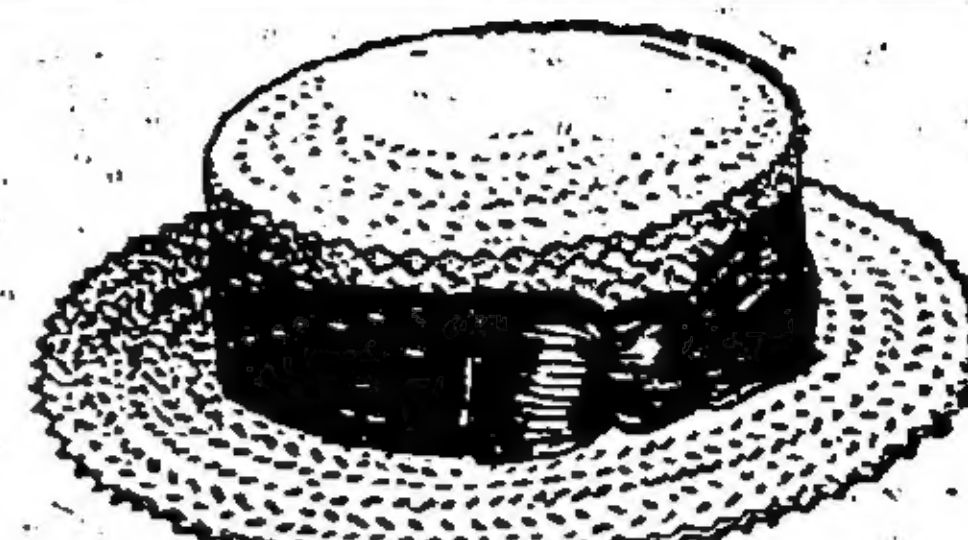
The fifth event was the Senior Pairs, which promised to be the hardest of the day, as all crews were confident of winning. Canton got away from the start and obtained a lead of one length from both their opponents, which they maintained to the quarter-mile post. The Royals and the V.R.C. at this point, made a spurt, and quickly drew level with Canton. It was then a neck-and-neck race until the 4-mile mark, and was won in an exciting manner by the Royals from Canton by 1/2 length. The V.R.C. crew, stroked by S. Dreyer, were unfortunate in this race, as the stroke's seat jammed in the slide, and they were obliged to stop rowing at the 4-mile post. They, however, continued and finished a good third. Winning crew:—V. G. Smyth (bow); J. S. McCann (stroke); T. H. White (cox).—Time, 5.05secs.

SCRATCH FOURS.

The last event of the day was a race for Scratch Fours, the crews being drawn from the oarsmen who had rowed during the afternoon. This race, which was very close, was won by Lieut. Merriman's crew, S. Dreyer being 2nd, and Capt. Wahl 3rd.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

SINN FEIN VENGEANCE.

LONDON, April 4th.
An unknown man was found shot dead on the Ashford (Middlesex) golf links. There was a note pinned to the body, bearing the words, "Let spies and traitors beware," and signed "The Irish Republican Army."
This is the first case of Sinn Fein vengeance in England.

TO DEPORT KARL.

LONDON, April 4th.
Despite the Hungarian Government's assurance, arrangements for the deportation of Karl are complete. The ex-emperor is still at St. Isidore, where he is parading in military uniform and is in high spirits. The Swiss Government enquiry implicates Prince Sixtus of Bourbon, in Karl's departure from Switzerland, Prince Sixtus obtaining for him a Spanish passport in an assumed name.

Reuter reports that the Little Entente, comprising Italy, Jugoslavia, Rumania and Czechoslovakia, has sent an ultimatum to the Hungarian Regent, Admiral Horthy, that unless Karl leaves Hungarian territory by April 10th, they will begin military operations against Hungary.

It is pointed out that the Little Entente does not regard Karl's adventure as a comic opera affair, as it seems to be considered in some quarters, but as a most serious development, involving grave issues for all the States in the Balkans.

TEHERAN TURMOIL.

BOHEM, April 3rd.
The Times' Teheran correspondent says that the Cossack coup in February is assuming the aspect of a new revolution with the object of transferring power from the grandees to the intellectual aristocracy. The financial situation is acute, and in this connection the Government is anxiously awaiting the return of the British Adviser. The Optimist Department, and the notorious Ministry of Justice are busy clearing off the immense arrears of cases, in order to clear the ground for a new judicial system.

CHESS TOURNAMENT.

HAVANA, April 4th.
An international chess tournament, has been planned for December. Lookers and Capablanca intend to participate, and an invitation has been despatched to the European masters.

STEVENSON'S TOUR.

LONDON, April 4th.
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TURCO-FRENCH PACT.

PARIS, April 4th.
The Ankara Government's delegation in Paris denies the rumours and the report from Constantinople that the Ankara Government has repudiated the Turco-French pact. He declares that Ankara troops have been forbidden to attack the French.

TRIPLE ALLIANCE THREAT.

LONDON, April 4th.
A large force of police has been drafted to protect the furnaces in two Fifeshire collieries, where two thousand miners compelled the engineers to cease work, giving half-an-hour to do so. Naval ratings will be drafted to the Fifeshire mines.

REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

PARIS, April 4th.
The newspapers are jubilant over America's intimation to Germany in regard to reparations.
It is stated that in the presence of Senator Knox President Harding assured the Washington correspondent of the *Matin* that France will have nothing to regret in connection with the advent of Republicans to power.

AERIAL TOURING IN CHINA.

PEKING, April 3rd.
Aerial touring in China was inaugurated yesterday, when three flights were made over Peking in a Vickers-Vimy aeroplane under the pilotage of a British aviator.

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RAMSAY.—On March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. Noel Ramsay, a son.

KANCLERZ.—On March 25, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Kanclerz, a daughter.

BECKLEY.—On March 29, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Beckley, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FORBES—PORRITT.—On February 26, 1921, at Victoria, B.C., A. H. Forbes, Chinese Maritime Customs, only surviving son of the late Mr. W. H. Forbes, of Tientsin, to Agnes Orrison, only daughter of Mrs. Eyre Porritt, Victoria, B.C.

NOBLE—NATHAN.—On March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, Kenneth Duncan Noble, to Lulu Nathan.

SIM—DALY.—On March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, John, second son of Mr. James Sim, of Rhynie, Aberdeenshire, to Margaret Frances Daly, third daughter of Mr. Edward Daly, of Birr, King's County, Ireland.

KINSEY—BERRY.—On Wednesday, March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, Arthur Francis St. John Kinsey, only son of the late Arthur Kinsey, and Mrs. Kinsey of Kensington, London, S.W., to Ruth Seabrook Berry, widow of the late Samuel George Berry, 7th Somerset Light Infantry.

DEATH.

LUBECK.—On March 30, 1921, at Shanghai, Anna Joaquina, the beloved wife of Luiz Adolpho Luback, aged 56 years.

The China Mail.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1921.

MOTOR SPIES TO CANTON.

It is impossible that any reflective reader ("any China Mail expression") could have read the article in our 76th birthday supplement, referring to road-making, without being impressed by the magnificent possibilities that are therein contained. The expensive map that accompanied the article should have been sufficient, even if the restrained enthusiasm of the writer had not peeped through his bald verbal reference to the project of a highway from Kowloon to Canton. The two dozen centres of population thus linked up would not be the only places to share in the prosperity that would necessarily follow, with garages, and restaurants, and hotels, and the countless attendant caterers whom travellers summon into being. Other places along the route, would arise, and large new areas be made busy and productive. Land values would increase, and the scheme more than pay for itself, in a very short time. It is understood that whenever the Canton people make a really promising start, with their section, our Government will make speed to meet them at the boundary of our still undeveloped New Territory. In this connection we have heard a story to the effect that a combination of motor-car manufacturers are so impressed with the immediate possibilities of such a highway that they are willing to help finance it. They were not British manufacturers. (The capital cost need not be extravagant, since labour is plentiful and cheap. The communities along the route,

instead of being asked to pay taxes as they fairly might, seeing what they would gain by it) could be entrusted with the making of the sections passing through their respective territories. The Canton authorities, we are told, have already shown that they approve the plan, and as soon as they can see that it is practicable as regards ways and means, they will probably make a start. It would be possible to prove to them that however short of funds they may be at present, this is not an enterprise which could aggravate their financial embarrassment. It would help to relieve any such stringency, and that within a short while. Once let cities like Nantau and Tungking realize all that this 172 mile long thoroughfare means to them, then would funds be forthcoming. As already stated, about two dozen other towns lie along the proposed route. Tourists would find their way along it as fast as it opened up, besides which there would be a double stream of produce. All sorts of remunerative business would follow. So far as we are concerned, as inhabitants of this Colony, we know without further argument what it would mean for us, and we greatly desire to see a commencement. Schools are good, and railways are good, but the first and most important and essential step in the development of any country is a good trunk road. The possibility of a trunk road along the whole length of it is mentioned, and why not? It should pay. Then houses would spring up quickly along the wayside. Such a road is a proposition quite unlike some of our local roads that go meandering round steep hillsides, to thinly populated districts unlikely to expand, and that are evidently provided to give local motorists "somewhere to go." These, while good enough, could wait, while a road nexus of this nature is more urgently desirable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Lady Brontë has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the conclusion of St. Joseph's College Sports on Tuesday next.

It is reported that there are a number of Russians in Harbin who are issuing ammunition and other supplies to the outlaw bands in that region, and using Harbin as a base.

The new income tax regulations which the Central Government has proposed will come into force next month when it will be levied from the salaries of officials in the various yamens of Peking.

A grass fire broke out at Repulse Bay last night. The Brigade, promptly on the scene as usual, succeeded in putting out the flames after a short, sharp fight. Slight damage only was done.

The price of rice in Shanghai has increased to \$8.80 per picul, and a story going the round of the Chinese press attributes this to the fact that a ring of dealers is arranging for the sale of 20,000 piculs to "a certain country" at \$11 per picul.

Because of the large number of nondescript people that are now in Kalgan, the authorities there have a curfew law in that city, and nobody is allowed on the streets after ten o'clock at night unless with a permit. The guards have been given orders to shoot any that resist.

The Peking Government is trying to persuade the educational staffs of the schools to return to work and has promised, as a start, to pay two months of the salaries due to the professors. The latter, however, still stand out to have the whole matter cleared up before the schools re-open.

We are informed by the Bazaar Committee of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, that in connection with the Raffle for some War Stamps, the 1st Prize was won by ticket No. 48—Mr. Fred Ellis, the 2nd Prize by ticket No. 12—Mr. J. M. Machado, and the 3rd Prize by ticket No. 27—Mr. Yung Tsui.

There was a little excitement in the public bar of the Hongkong Hotel last night when two Marines of H.M.S. "Hawkins" indulged in a drunken brawl. The police were promptly summoned and removed the offenders to the station without much trouble. They were this morning charged before Magistrate Lindell with disorderly conduct and remanded until to-morrow.

Oriental carpets believed by the superstitious to carry some sort of "influence" with them, are in great demand just now, especially by young married couples. The more common designs in Chinese carpets have worked in with them the Swastika and the Circle of Happiness, a dealer told a *Daily Mail* representative. "Both symbols are supposed to be very lucky." Others used are the crane (signifying immortality), dragon (imperial grandeur), crow (evil), and the dragon with five claws on each foot, which in China is a design found only in the royal palaces.

SPECIAL CABLES.

SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

CHINESE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

END OF BITTER STRUGGLE.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 5.

A meeting of the Chinese ratepayers expunged the objectionable regulation six seeking to create a supervisory body for control of the Chinese advisory committee of the Municipal Council. The latter has thus been victorious in the bitter struggle.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day is the beginning of the Ching-Ming holidays when the people return to their native homes to pay annual homage to their ancestors. Visits will be paid to hills where the dead are buried and the graves will be the scene of worship by large crowds carrying "joss money," incense, and food.

One case of paratyphoid fever, Indian, and three cases of cerebro-spinal fever (one fatal), two of which were Chinese and the other Indian, were reported yesterday. Last week four Chinese died from influenza (notifiable) six from cerebro-spinal fever, ten from small-pox, and two from bubonic plague. One non-fatal case of diphtheria, Indian, another of enteric fever, one of small-pox, and eight of cerebro-spinal fever (all Chinese) were also reported.

"The Japanese Diet is not a zoo." Such was the decision of the disciplinary committee of the Diet, which met on March 18 to discuss the disorderly conduct of some of the members. This decision was not reached, however, until a remark to the contrary was made by Representative Morishita, a member of the Koshin Club, who stated that the Lower House was more like a menagerie than a parliamentary body so long as members indulged in cat-calling, owl-hooting and lion-larking. There are people who would go quite a long way to hear a lion bark, comments a Shanghai paper.

Charged before Magistrate Orme this morning at the instance of Inspector Willis, with the unlawful possession in his cubicle on the first floor of No. 22, Centre Street, West Point, of 52 tacks of prepared non-Government opium, a Chinese said the drug did not belong to him. Last night the wife of a friend called and offered to sell the opium to him. He refused to buy it, whereupon she left it on his table and left the house promising to send her husband for it later. Soon after she left the house the police came and discovered the opium lying on the table. This last statement was denied by the prosecution which held that the drug was found in a drawer in the table. Remarking that the defendant was responsible for things found in his cubicle, the Magistrate passed sentence of \$400 fine or 15 weeks' hard labour. The drug was confiscated.

The two Chinese arrested by the West Point police for the unlawful possession of 181 counterfeit Kwang-chi Bank, Luichow, \$1 notes, were charged before Magistrate Orme this morning, when they denied that they knew the notes were forged. Inspector Willis, who prosecuted said that he could not say if the second defendant were trying to pass the notes or merely to find out if they were genuine, but the constable who arrested him saw him present a hundred of them to a money changer who pronounced them forgeries. On his arrival at the station, the second defendant said that he got the notes from first defendant. Following information given by second defendant, the police visited No. 77, Des Vaux Road West and there searched first defendant. In his pocket were found one genuine and one forged Kwang-chi note. A search of his cubicle was made, and behind a picture frame hanging on the wall above the first defendant's bed 80 other forged notes were found. The Inspector asked for a week's remand in order that further enquiries might be made. The application was granted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A SUGGESTION.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail"]

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to request space in your widely read paper for a respectful suggestion meant to catch the eye and the consideration of whatever authority is capable of dealing with it.

The idea has occurred to me that it would be a graceful and an appropriate act to change the name of Wardley Street to Gabb Street, in honour of the popular Bank Manager, recently honoured by our King with a Knighthood.

Yours truly,
J. H. N. M.

I—THE PHANTOM SCIMITAR.

BY SAKI ROHMER.

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Professor Deeping, famous Orientalist, stole Mohammed's slipper and fled with it to England. Later he was found murdered in a room with door and windows locked on the inside. And the scimitar that killed him was found, wet with his blood, in a small unopened box beside him. How did it get there? Who murdered him? How did the murderer get away? Read this and the other weird adventure stories in this remarkable series to learn of the mysterious fate that pursued everybody who touched the stolen slipper.

I was not the only passenger aboard the "Mandalay" who perceived the disturbance and wondered what it might portend and whence it had proceeded. A goodly number of passengers were joining the ship at Port Said. I was hanging over the rail, pipe in mouth, lazily wondering, with a large vagueness.

What was the stir about? I turned to the dark young man who leaned upon the rail beside me. From the first I had taken to Mr. Ahmad Ahmadden.

There is some kind of undercurrent of excitement among the natives," I said, "a sort of subdued Greek chorus is audible. What's it all about?"

Mr. Ahmadden smiled. He was a handsome man and had a pleasant smile.

"Probably," he replied, "some local celebrity is joining the ship. I stared at him curiously.

"Any idea who he is?" (The soul of the copy-hunter is a restless soul.)

A group of men dressed in semi-European fashion—that is, in European fashion save for their turbans, which were green—passed close to us along the deck.

Ahmadden appeared not to have heard the question.

The disturbance, which could only be defined as a subdued uproar, and could be traced to no particular individual or group, grew momentarily louder—then died away.

Then it happened: the inexplicable incident which, though I knew it not, heralded the coming of strange things and the dawn of a new power, which should set up its secret standards in England, which should flood Europe and the civilized world with wonder.

A shrill scream marked the overtaking of a scream of fear and of pain, which dropped to a groan and moaned out into the silence of which it was the cause.

"My God! what's that?" I started forward. There was a general crowding rustle, and a darkly tanned and bearded man came on board, carrying a brown leather case. Behind him surged those who bore the victim.

"It's one of the lascars."

"No—an Egyptian?"

"It was a porter."

"Stand away there, if you please!" That was a ship's officer and his voice of authority served to quell the disturbance. Through a lane walled with craning heads they bore the insensible man. Ahmadden was at my elbow.

"A Copt," he said softly. "Poor devil!"

I turned to him. There was a queer expression on his clean-shaven, bronzed face.

"Good God!" I said. "His hand has been cut off!"

That was the fact of the matter. And no one knew what had become of the severed hand! I wasted not a moment in linking up the story. The pressman within me acted automatically.

The gentleman just come aboard, sir," said a steward, in answer to my questions, "is Professor Deeping. The poor beggar, who was assaulted was carrying some of the Professor's baggage."

With impatience I awaited the time when the injured man, having received medical attention, was conveyed ashore and Professor Deeping reappeared. To the celebrated traveller and Oriental scholar I introduced myself.

He was singularly reticent. "I was unable to see what took place, Mr. Cavanaugh," he said. "The poor fellow was behind me, pressing through a knot of people. I had just taken a bag from his hand, but he was carrying another heavier one. It is a clean cut, like that of a scimitar. I have seen very similar wounds in the cases of men, who have suffered the old Moslem penalty for theft."

Nothing further had come to light when the "Mandalay" left, but I found new matter for curiosity in the behaviour of the Moslem party, who had come on board at Port Said.

In conversation with Mr. Bell, the chief officer, I learned that the supposed leader of the party was one Mr. Azrael, obviously, said Bell, "not his real name, or not all of it. I don't suppose they'll show themselves by dusk; they've got their own servants with them and seem to be people of consequence."

"Who is Mr. Azrael?" I asked Ahmadden.

"I cannot say," replied the Egyptian, and abruptly changed the subject.

The next happening, on board the "Mandalay," which I have to record was the attempt to break open the door of Professor Deeping's stateroom. Except when he was actually within,

the Professor left his room door religiously locked.

He made light of the affair, but later took me aside and told me a curious story of an apparition which had appeared to him.

"It was a crescent of light," he said, "and it glittered through the darkness there to the left as it lay in my berth."

"A reflection from something on the deck?"

"Possibly," he replied, "but it was very sharply defined. Like the blade of a scimitar," he added.

At Tilbury the Mohammedan party went ashore in a body. Among them were veiled women. They contrived so to surround a central figure that I entirely failed to get a glimpse of the mysterious Mr. Azrael. Ahmadden went and I had a momentary impression that one of the women slipped something into his hand. Certainly he started, and his dusky face seemed to pale.

Then a deck steward came out of Deeping's stateroom, carrying the brown bag which the Professor had brought aboard at Port Said. Deeping's voice came:

"Hi, my man! Let me take that bag!"

The bag changed hands. Five minutes later, as I was preparing to go ashore, there arose a horrid scream above the berthing clamour. Those passengers yet aboard made in the direction from which the scream had proceeded.

A steward—the one I have just previously mentioned—lay writhing at the foot of the stairs leading to the saloon-deck. His right hand had been severed above the wrist!

During the next day or two my mind constantly reverted to the incidents of the voyage home. I was perfectly convinced that the curtain had been partially raised upon some fantasy in which Professor Deeping figured.

But I had seen no more of Deeping nor had I heard from him, when abruptly I found myself plunged again into the very vortex of his troubled affairs. I was half way through a long article, I remember, upon the mystery of the outrage at the docks. The poor steward whose hand had been severed lay in a precarious condition, but the police had utterly failed to trace the culprit.

I had laid down my pen to relight my pipe (the hour was about ten at night) when a faint sound from the direction of the outside door of my London apartment attracted my attention. Something had been thrust through the letterbox.

"A circular," I thought, when the bell rang loudly, imperatively.

I went to the door. A square envelope lay upon the rug—a curious envelope, pale amethyst in colour. Picking it up, I found it to bear my name—written simply:

"Mr. Cavanaugh."

Tearing it open, I glanced at the contents. I threw open the door. No one was visible upon the landing; but when I leaned over the banister a white-clad figure was crossing the hall below.

Without hesitation, hatless, I raced down the stairs. As I crossed the dimly lighted hall and came out into the peaceful twilight of the court, my elusive visitor glided under the archway opposite.

Just where the dark and narrow passage opened into Fleet Street I overtook her—a girl closely veiled and wrapped in a long coat of white ermine.

"Madam," I said.

She turned affrightedly.

"Please do not detain me!" Her accent was puzzling, but pleasing. She glanced apprehensively about her.

"But you must explain the meaning of your note!"

"I cannot! I cannot! Please do not ask me!"

She was breathless from her flight and seemed to be trembling. From behind the veil her eyes shone brilliantly, mysteriously.

I was sorely puzzled. The whole incident was bizarre—indeed it had in it something of the uncanny. Yet I could not detain the girl against her will; and that she was in apprehension of something—of someone—was evident.

Suddenly she raised her veil, and I looked fully into the only rarely violet eyes I had ever beheld. Mentally, I started. For the face framed in the snowy fur was the most bewitchingly lovely one imaginable. One rebellious lock of wonderful hair swept across the white brow. It was brown hair, with an incomprehensible sheen in the high lights that suggested the heart of a blood red rose.

"Oh," she cried, "promise me that you will never breathe a word in any one about my visit!"

Since I could perceive no alternative, I replied, "I will do so."

"Thank you—oh, thank you!" she said; and dropping her veil again she walked rapidly away from me, whispering, "I rely upon you. Do not fail me. Good-bye!"

Her conspicuous white figure joined the hurrying throngs upon the pavement beyond. My curiosity would brook no restraint. I hurried to the end of the courtyard. She was crossing the road. From the shadows where he had lurked, a man came forward to meet her. A vehicle obstructed the view before I could confirm my impression; and when it had passed, neither my lovely visitor nor her companion was anywhere in sight.

INSPECTION OF TROOPS.

YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL KIRKPATRICK.

On the Murray Parade Ground yesterday, the annual inspection of troops by the General Officer Commanding took place before a large gathering of spectators.

The ceremony was of special interest as it was the first inspection held by Major-General Sir G. M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., since his arrival here as successor to Major-General F. Ventris, C.B., in command of the Garrison in Hongkong.

The General was accompanied by the headquarters staff, and on arrival on the parade ground, was received with the "Grand Salute." Several Army Reserve Officers watched the ceremony.

There were on parade 18 officers and 370 other ranks of the Wiltshire Regiment, 50 R.E.'s and 100 Band and Drums of the Wiltshire Regiment. The men were formed in three sides of a square in quarter columns.

The men from the Wiltshires were drawn from the "B," "C" and "D" Companies, the "A" Company being at present in Peking.

"B" Company was in charge of Lt. Sumner, M.C., "C" Company in charge of Major A. W. Timmis, M.C., and the R.E.'s under Colonel Cole.

The officer commanding the parade was Major C. A. Law.

The G.O.C. inspected the troops, and after the inspection the troops marched past the General at the saluting base. The General then saw them at Company drill.

KINEMA NOTES.

CORONET THEATRE.

"THE EMPIRE OF DIAMONDS."

For a sixty minute trip through Europe, combining pleasure with romance, intrigue and adventure, we suggest that you book a passage at the Coronet Theatre this week, where Leonora Ferret's "Empire of Diamonds" opened yesterday.

You start from New York in pursuit of rogues who have been foisting perfectly manufactured artificial diamonds on the market. You nearly catch up with them in London, have a lively battle of wits in Paris, but the far reaching arm of the law isn't quite long enough, so you travel on to the Riviera. Along this garden spot of the Mediterranean you become a central figure in a daring conspiracy.

All this sounds improbable, but the best part of the story is that every person who witnesses the feature visually visits these countries. The various scenes were actually taken on the ground. Therefore romantic Nice is Nice itself, and not just a bit of Californian scenery made to serve the part.

The thrill and daring of "The Empire of Diamonds" is thus enhanced by the picturesqueness of its scenic background, and the story is so absorbing that the film in question provides a thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

WHY.

DOES MILK TURN SOUR?

Although we are accustomed to think of milk turning sour within a few days, no matter what the temperature, there is one sure method of preventing this change—or, at least, of postponing it indefinitely. If the milk is thoroughly boiled and then sealed so that air cannot get to it, the liquid will remain fresh in any climate for months and even years, just as canned vegetables and meats will retain their appetizing qualities under similar conditions. This, of course, points to the fact that there must be something in the air itself which leads to the souring of milk and gives us the clue to the reason for this chemical change.

Every drop of milk contains a large number of bacilli, which working on the sugar in the milk, produce the lactic acid which turns production of the acid. In order to keep the milk fresh after boiling however, it is necessary to protect it from the air which contains similar bacilli, and exposure of less than a minute will result in the introduction of a number of these microbes into the milk.

As they multiply with amazing rapidity, even boiled milk will sour within a short time, unless the air is rigidly excluded. As warm temperatures aid in the growth of the bacilli which produce lactic acid, keeping the milk in a refrigerator or other cool place will postpone the souring process, but, unless the liquid is frozen, even this will not prevent it for more than a few days.

But, unless some accident of light and shade had deceived me, the man who had waited was Ahmad Ahmadden!

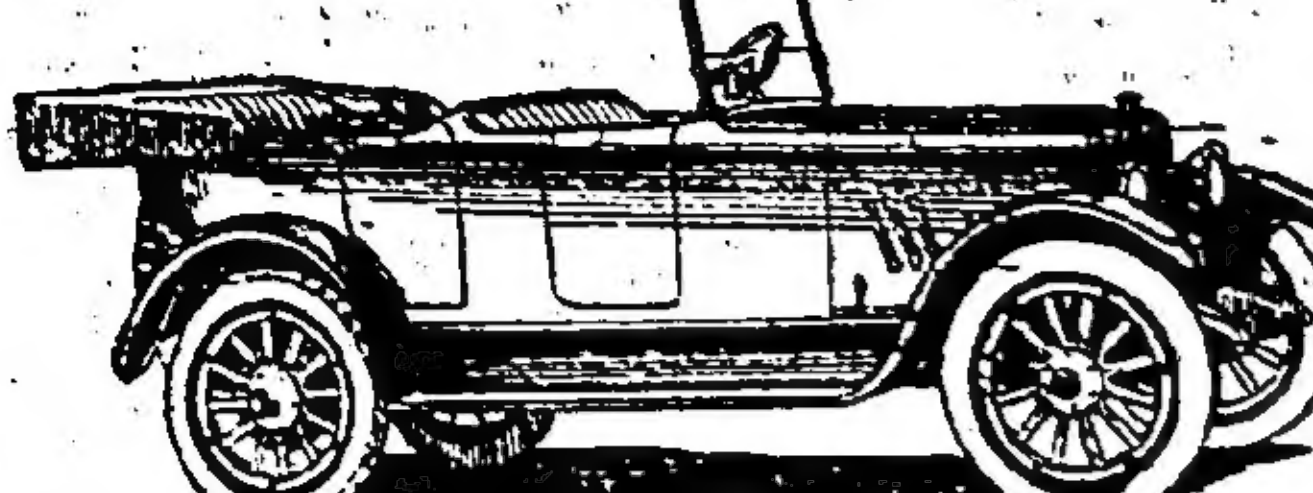
The messenger gone, it was the part of her message which assumed supreme significance. Written in old square handwriting upon the pale amethyst paper, was this message:

"Presail upon Professor Deeping to place what he has in the brown case on the porch of his house to-night. If he fails to do so no power on earth can save him from the Scimitar of Hassan."

A Friend.

(To be continued.)

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HOTEL BAR UPROAR.

SAILORS IN CONFLICT.

POLICE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

The uproar in the Hongkong Hotel Bar on the night of March 18 when a fight occurred between British and American sailors was the subject of enquiry at the Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon when 35 members of the crew of the U.S.S. "Wilmington" were charged with having behaved in a disorderly manner in Pedder Street, with having damaged nine tumblers and two glasses valued at \$3.50, the property of the Hongkong Hotel, and with having assaulted Acting Inspector Field, Mr. N. White, Steward of the Hongkong Hotel, Stoker William Hart, and five other British bluejackets. Mr. Hugh S. Miller, American Vice Consul, occupied a seat on the Bench with Magistrate Lindsell.

The Assistant Crown Solicitor, Mr. Hazlerigg, appeared for the prosecution; the Assistant Harbour Master, Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., the Captain-Superintendent of Police Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, and Lieut. R. G. Chichester, R.N., H.M.S. "Titania," also attended. Lieut. C. H. McCum, U.S. Navy, represented the Commander of the U.S.S. "Wilmington."

The defendants were: Ernest Settle, Arthur Merrill, H. Pollard, Peter Margalen, Henry Klingenberg, Harold Clarke, William Belmont, Frank P. Mazza, John P. Best, Willie J. Shaw, Lewis C. Baldwin, John Heide, Teddy Schippan, Milton Scisson, Francis Bean, Henry Kosker, Henry Markus, William J. Grooms, Clarence A. Huxford, Lewis Carlisle, John Watkins, George Cushman, John Rogers, Oscar Neilson, F. White, Raymond Dennis, F. Blanchard, Ray Palmer, Fred Baber, Harry Lyngner, Joseph Gamboa, Frank Loper, Harry Boyd, Robert Warren and John Davis. After the Magistrate had read the charge to the defendants, who were not legally represented, Mr. Hazlerigg said that the charge in respect of assaulting Inspector Field and Mr. White was in error. The charge was amended accordingly.

Mr. Hazlerigg said the case arose out of a disturbance already reported in the Press. The evidence would show that one of the defendants attempted to start an argument with bluejackets in the bar of the Hongkong Hotel; no notice was taken of him and he then called in 35 or 40 naval ratings from the "Wilmington" who, without and provocation, whatever, assaulted the seven or eight men in the bar. The British by weight of numbers, were overpowered and received more or less serious injuries. Some of the accused had, not exactly knuckle dusters, but knuckle protectors on their fists, and one, at least, was armed with a weapon of a dangerous nature—a piece of iron or lead piping, with which a man might easily have been killed. That was material, because it showed that the whole assault was premeditated. The evidence would satisfy the Court that this was not a mere lark by liberty men on shore for the evening, but that the assault was of a very aggravated nature and might easily have resulted in the death of the men. He asked the Magistrate if the ringleader were discovered, to make such an example of him as would preclude any likelihood of any recurrence of this kind of disturbance in the town.

Noel Bernard White, steward of the Hongkong Hotel, said he had been called to the bar just before the disturbance. Some bluejackets and civilians were in the bar; they were sober. An American sailor, with a white band on his arm, brought in 30 or 40 more. He could not identify that man among those present. The Americans "went for" the British sailors. He saw blows struck with fists and leather bands on fists. He also saw a few men using lengths of piping. One British sailor was "laid out" in the bar. Not much damage was done to the hotel property.

In answer to a question by Lieut. McCum, the witness stated that he was positive the weapons were used. Asked if he did not think that if the defendants had used the weapons the British bluejackets could not have recovered without going to hospital, the witness said that he could not say as to that.

Leading Stoker John Anthony Guest deposed: There were between eight and ten of us sitting at two tables. The

sixteenth defendant walked in and asked "Who won the war?" None of us answered him. He was wearing a blue uniform and a white band round his arm. He then called in the guys, who started an attack. One of our chaps went out of the window. I did not know the window was there or I would have gone out, too—(laughter). A chap hit me over the head with a bottle. There was a bludgeon. I don't know who hit me with that. It was a "ginger" chap—not that one—(indicating a defendant with red hair)—who hit me with a bottle. The witness went on to explain that he received a severe blow with the bludgeon which would have struck his head if he had not kicked his assailant. This witness gave the odds as more than four to one, and said they would have been nine to one had all the Americans present "jumped on" them. Lieut. McCum suggested that the witness was not very reliable—nine to one would be more than the "Wilmington" had ashore that day. Stoker Guest declared that there were two American ships in harbour. This was denied by Lieut. McCum, who remarked to the Magistrate that he did not understand the gravity of the charges, and he had to leave for Amoy immediately after the incident, or he would have tried to bring evidence of people in the hotel who supported the claim of his men that the ringleader let in eight men, so that there might be a fight, man for man. Disinterested spectators assured him that was what happened. It was rather objectionable to say the Americans fought four to one.

Mr. Hazlerigg: It does not make much difference if they used bludgeons. Lieut. McCum: There were two rows of men? Stoker Guest: Yes. They lined up like a funeral procession. (Laughter). Leading Stoker Timothy O'Brien said that some one threw a chair at him, knocking him down. He heard a voice say "Get up," and he obeyed. No sooner had he got on his feet than a blow sent him down on the floor again. He was also kicked in the chest. Some Americans were overturning tables and chairs. There were two civilians present, but they took no part in the scrap. Witness was struck with fists, but he saw several Americans use the weapons produced.

First-class Stoker Wm. Hart said that one of his chums said "Let us have no trouble here," when there were indications of a disturbance. The appeal was ignored by the ringleader of the Americans, who signalled to his men to go in. Witness tried to escape to the door, but was knocked down and hit in the back. After asking the witness if he had heard of trouble between American and British sailors previously, Lieut. McCum said that he was trying to bring out a reason for the assault committed by his men. During the sojourn of the "Wilmington" in Hongkong, there had only been one police case against one of his men for not paying a motor car chauffeur, and two or three cases of drunkenness, in which the men concerned were not brought before the Court. The ship had a clear record. There were some extenuating circumstances in this case which he desired to bring to the Magistrate's notice.

After further similar evidence, Police Sergeant Elson described the proceedings in the street when the crowd left the bar. When he told the men to be more orderly there was a small chorus of "Here's a policeman: shall we see him off?" Eventually, they were arrested by the naval picket. Sgt. C. E. Terry gave similar evidence. He said that, in the street, as the Americans seemed to be "looking for trouble," he telephoned the Central Police Station for assistance.

Lieut. R. G. Chichester, R.N., spoke as to the arrest by the picket. The men gave no trouble at all when arrested.

This concluded the case for the prosecution.

Koster, coxswain on the "Wilmington," in the witness box, said he went ashore with others, with the sole object of "finishing up" all the arguments which the American sailors have had with British bluejackets as to "Who won the War" and "Which is the best Navy." These questions had been the cause of much bad feeling and quarrels between American and British bluejackets. On the night in question he entered the Hongkong

Hotel bar and there saw fourteen British sailors, one of whom appeared to be the chief. He told this man, "We are tired of your people, and we came ashore here to settle the argument you have as to who won the war. If you have any arguments as to which is the best Navy, argue now." There was no reply.

Lieut. McCum asked the witness about earlier disputes.

Mr. Hazlerigg: I don't think this is relevant. The Magistrate: I think it is. It shows motive. An entirely unprovoked assault is very different from "trying to get your own back."

Mr. Hazlerigg: One might go back from one dispute to another, right back to the War of Independence.

The Magistrate: I think it is a fair question. I admit it. Koster mentioned an occasion in which he was treated roughly by British sailors for no reason whatever. Mr. Lindsell: There has been no trouble recently as far as you are concerned?

Koster: No. The Magistrate: This (holding up the bludgeon) was picked up there.

Witness: I never saw any of them used.

Robert Warren, another defendant, said he was assaulted in a house in Ship Street by a large number of British sailors, on March 17. Attacks by five British seamen on one American were frequent.

Mr. Hazlerigg: The evidence of the witnesses for the defence has borne out the suggestion of the prosecution that the whole affair was a planned and organised reprisal for a number of previous grievances, either fancied or real. As all came together, all are equally guilty, whether it is the assault or the disturbance outside.

Lieut. McCum agreed that the only plea possible was one of mitigation of penalty. American sailors were trained to act for themselves, and he did not know, until he investigated this affair on ship board, that they had all these prior grievances. They did not go to the police; they took a pride in looking after themselves. If the trouble had been brought to the notice of the proper authorities the affair in the hotel would have been avoided; the American Navy had always experienced every support and co-operation from the British Commanders. The defendants were young, none of them was over 25 and the average age was 21; there were only 200 of them compared with 2,000 British naval men in the port. From pride of country and race they stuck together to try and fight this thing out. Of course, they had no right to do so, but sailors were not very reasonable beings and the men had not realised the seriousness of their offence and the consequences it would have.

"The idea," concluded Lieut. McCum, "was to fight it out man to man with the British. I quite agree, it can't be done in a civilised town like Hongkong. I don't think there was anything vicious in it—no more than a glove fight on the foot's side."

The Magistrate: I find the first charge of behaving in a disorderly manner proved against all the defendants, and on that I fine them \$10 each. The damage is such a small matter and might have been caused by either party in the course of the disturbance; I shall dismiss that charge. As regards the assault, I record a conviction against all the defendants, but I shall impose no penalty except in the case of the man (Koster) who appears to have led the whole thing. He will have to go to prison for fourteen days with hard labour. The remainder, no penalty.

Mr. Hazlerigg said the prosecution had not been brought with the object of revenge, but only to prevent a recurrence. He would like the other defendants to be bound over to keep the peace.

This was done, in a personal surety of \$100 each. Afterwards, Lieut. McCum applied to the Magistrate and asked him to reconsider his decision and to impose a fine, instead of imprisonment, in the case of Koster, who he said, had a very good record in the U.S. Navy.

The Magistrate consulted the Captain Superintendent of Police, who said he had no objection, provided that a substantial fine were imposed, and the Magistrate then decided to vary the penalty to a fine of \$50.

The hearing lasted about three hours.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

A dinner was given on Friday night at Government House. There were present the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins and Mrs. Perkins, Captain Benning, D.S.O., R.N.; Pay-Commander and Mrs. Vining, Pay-Commander and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., Major Wakefield, D.S.O., Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. E. Ralphs, Major Edwards, D.S.O., and Mrs. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Dodwell, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Humphreys, Mr. F. Barr, Mr. V. Ponsbury, Mr. D. G. Arthur and Mr. E. A. Green.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of April, 1921, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 4, 1921.

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THE UNDERSIGNED HAS 1170 Shares of THE ROMPION TIRE & LIQUOR LTD., which he is willing to sell at the market quotations. For full particulars please apply to
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Hongkong, April 5, 1921.

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ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

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HONGKONG SCHOOLS ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1921.

THE ANNUAL SPORTS in connection with the Hongkong Schools will be held on FRIDAY, April 22nd, on the RACE COURSE, commencing at 1.30 p.m. The Registrar of the University will distribute the trophies. Entries must be made on or before MONDAY, April 11th.

A. J. S. STEARN,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 5, 1921.

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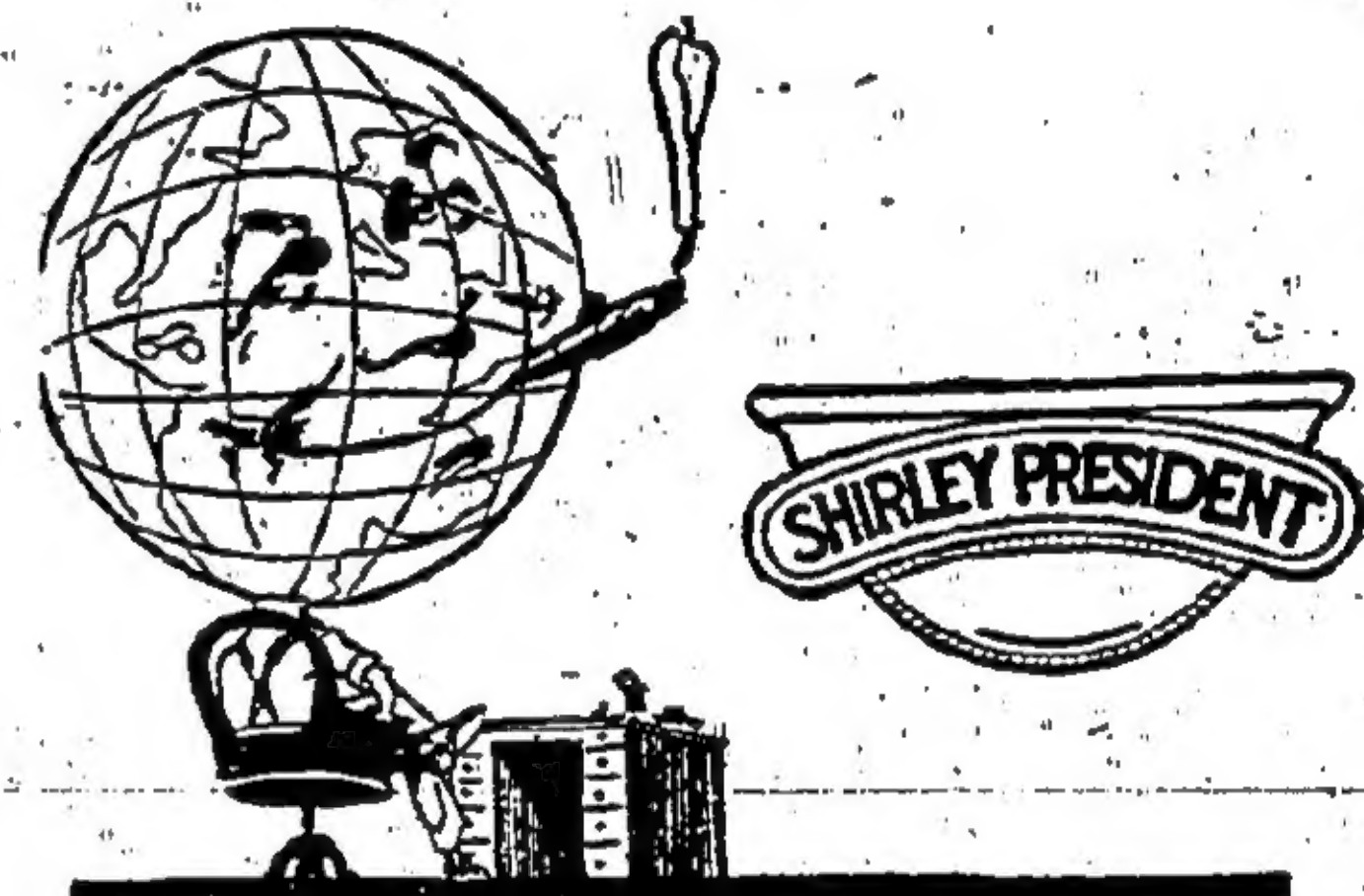
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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Review's Service to the China Mail)

U.S.A. ALLIES AND GERMANY.

AMERICA STANDS BY ALLIES.

WASHINGTON, April 4.
The United States proposes to stand by the Allies in enforcing just reparations. The State Department, in its reply to Germany, calls attention to the communications exchanged before Viriani's arrival in the United States.

WASHINGTON, April 4.
A German Government official recently sent a letter to Mr. Dresel, the American high commissioner in Berlin, declaring that Germany was willing to pay reparations but hoping for a fresh discussion of terms. Replying thereto the State Department communicated with Mr. Dresel hoping that negotiations will be reopened between the Allies and Germany for a new schedule of reparations.

MESSAGE AMPLIFIED.

LONDON, April 4.
The Washington Note was from Secretary of State Hughes, who plainly declared that the United States stood with the Allied government in holding Germany responsible for the war. Mr. Hughes opined that the German memorandum, which was signed by Dr. Simons, the Foreign Minister, indicated a sincere desire by the German government to reopen negotiations with the Allies on a new basis. He hoped that when such was resumed, it would lead to a prompt settlement satisfying the just claims of the Allies and permitting Germany, hopefully to renew its productive activities. Copies of the communications were forwarded to the Allies.

GREEK AND TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 4.
Confirmation has been received that the Greek retreat is general. The Greeks are retiring behind Brussa to lines held before the present offensive. Hitherto they have sustained 5,000 casualties. The Turks are reported to be energetically following up the Greeks.

KARL'S COUP.

FRENCH VIEWS.

PARIS, April 3.
France's unmistakable attitude towards the attempt of Karl has most favourably impressed Hungary's neighbouring states, especially Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. Some uneasiness is noticeable in Czechoslovakia and Roumanian circles in view of Karl's protracted sojourn in Hungary and of his efforts to secure the support of the military elements.

PARIS, April 4.
The ultimatum to Hungary, mentioned earlier, threatens to recall all diplomatic missions and to break off relations and to execute military measures which are in course of preparation. The "Little Entente" is determined to obtain from Hungary a final solution of the dynastic question, safe guarantee, the immediate surrender of west Hungary to Austria, and the suppression of all irregular troops.

BUDAPEST, April 2.
The national assembly unanimously passed a motion blaming the emperor's attempt to regain power and congratulating the government on its energetic attitude.

THE LATEST.

PARIS, April 5.
A Budapest message announces that Karl returns to Switzerland forthwith.

VIENNA, April 5.
Karl's decision to return to Switzerland immediately has evidently been hastened by the Swiss Government's intimation that return is conditional on not being unduly delayed, also on Austria's threat to cancel his safe-conduct unless the time of his departure is promptly fixed. Karl is at present suffering from bronchitis but is profiting by the fall in temperature. It is announced that his departure will take place on Tuesday forenoon for Lucerne. The ex-empress Zita has declared that she is the only person knowing anything of her husband's plan and made all preparations for his journey.

AMERICA AND GERMANY.

CONGRESS PROCEDURE.

WASHINGTON, APRIL 4.
It is understood that President Harding has approved the reintroduction of the so-called Knox resolution (providing for a separate peace with Germany) when Congress re-assembles next week; but is yet undecided when the vote thereon shall be pressed.

INDIAN POPULATION.

LATEST CENSUS TOTALS.

DELHI, April 4.
It is officially stated that the population of British India and native states according to the census taken on March 18, slightly exceeds 319 millions, as compared with 315 millions in 1911.

YAP ISLAND DISPUTE.

LONDON, April 5.
The Daily Telegraph learns that Britain has received a note from Washington relating to the Yap question. Details are not available.

BOMBAY DRY-DOCK STRIKE.

BOMBAY, April 5.
Five thousand men employed by the British-India and Peninsular and Oriental dry-docks are on strike.

NORWAY AND RUSSIA.

CHRISTIANIA, April 5.
The Norwegian Government has appointed four delegates to proceed to Stockholm to negotiate a trade agreement with the Soviet commissary, Karshentseff.

RULER FOR MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, April 5.
The Times Cairo correspondent states that there is good reason to believe that Emir Feisal has been offered Mesopotamia, although the British Government's view favours the choice of a ruler being left to the future Mesopotamian national assembly.

SPORT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

At the conclusion of the afternoon's racing the rowing prizes were distributed on the flag ship by Mrs. Sly, after which Mr. Alexander, in a few well chosen words, thanked Mrs. Sly for her kindness in presenting the prizes and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of roses. Three very heavy cheers and the usual "tiger" were then given for Mrs. Sly. Mrs. Davenport Brown very kindly presented the Football Cup and mementoes to the officers and crew of the flag ship, which they had won during their stay in Canton.

DINNER AT VICTORIA HOTEL.

After the Regatta, the visitors were entertained to dinner at the Victoria Hotel, Shumeng, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. E. A. H. Sly being in the chair. The chairman welcomed the visitors and expressed the hope that Canton would be more successful at the Royal's Regatta to be held on April 23. Mr. Dreyer and Mr. McCann replied for the visitors. Mr. Billy Logan very ably entertained the Company during dinner with reminiscences of rowing in by-gone days and by a few well-selected musical items.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

HONGKONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

The Committee of the Hongkong Cricket Club has accepted the invitation received from the Shanghai C.C. and have advised them that it hopes to send an XI to represent Hongkong in May next. It has invited Mr. T. E. Pearce (R.K.C.C.), Mr. G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.) and Capt. Davis (R.G.A.) to select the team.

The following so far have been selected, and have accepted invitations—
G. R. Sayer (C.S.C.C.), Capt. Davis (R.G.A.), Lieut. Franks (R.N.), E. B. Reid (C.S.C.C.), Lieut. Col. Bowen (Staffs and Dept.), Major Bagnall (R.G.A.), F. C. De Rome (R.S.C.C.), C. S. Stapleton (K.C.C.), Capt. Oliver (R.K.C.C.) and F. H. Farthing (R.K.C.C.).

R. H. B. Hancock (H.K.C.C.), T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.), R. E. O. Bird (C.S.C.C.), Major Edwards (R.E. and L.A.), R. L. D. Woodhouse (H.K.C.C.) and F. J. Ling (C.S.C.C.) have been unable to accept invitations.
The team will probably leave here on May 17 by the "Empress of Japan."
Mr. Sayer has been selected to captain the side.

CHINESE Y.M.C.A.

HEXATHLON CONTEST.

The annual Inter-Association Hexathlon Contest which forms one of the regular features of the Y.M.C.A.'s physical work, has been occupying the attention of the city Associations throughout China for the past fortnight.

The contest consists of six events, i.e., 60 yards potato race, 160 yards potato race, running high jump, fence vault, standing broad jump, and 12-pound shot put. Although these events were primarily arranged for gymnasium competition, they are admirably adapted for the outdoor race track, and where Associations have not had indoor equipment, the events have been held in the open.

Ten senior Associations reported, and two junior. In the Senior Contest the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. heads the list, with a total of 2,378 points; Tientsin is second, with 2,058 points; Peking is third, with 1,961 points. Following in order are Fochow, Tsinan Canton, Amoy, Nanchang, Kaifeng and Hangchow. Consistent by their absence are Shanghai, Peking and Hankow.

Hongkong as winner, will receive a handsome trophy, and if its figures exceed those made by Associations in India, Mexico, the Philippines, or South America, a further trophy will be awarded, for the best returns outside Europe, the United States and Canada.

The Junior Contest, although participated in by two Associations only, was close, Amoy winning first place, and Peking the second.

TENNIS.

OPEN SINGLES.

Yesterday there was played off one event in the Open Singles, when Major C. Wilson met J. B. Penman. A close match had been expected, as Wilson has been on his game this year, but Penman struck a patch of good play and never seemed to be in difficulty.

Wilson started badly, and could do little with the ball until there were five games against him. Then he began to play a forceful game, and passed Penman several times in mid-court, where he had drawn him up. He took two games in fine style, but had to admit defeat in that set at 6-2.

In the second set, Wilson changed his tactics and tried to lob over Penman at the net. Finding this impossible, as others have found it before, he returned to the passing shot, but could not bring it off. The sidelines also were too much for him, and he lost the set at 6-2. It looked pretty hopeless for Wilson at this stage, but Penman

took advantage of a winning game to his hand. As is usual under these circumstances they came off, and Wilson seemed disheartened. He served several double faults, and with Penman getting even more than his usual amount of nerves the match finished at 6-1 in Penman's favour. Score—6-2, 6-2, 6-1, to Penman.

I fancy that Forster (who beat Greensway yesterday in the Club Championship) will prove too much for Hamada, who is, however, the best of the Japanese. Forster will then meet M. K. Lo, and should reach the semi-final. Penman on yesterday's form should dispose of either Humphreys or Rumljahn. This will make the semi-finalists Ng Sze Kwong, Wong Po Keung, L. Forster and J. B. Penman. I think that the final will be between Ng and Penman, and do not think that the title will change hands.

A PLAYER.

OTHER RESULTS.

The results of the other games played yesterday were—

In the Handicap Singles "A" A. B. Raworth (owe 4/6) beat Major H. M. Edward (owe 1/6) 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the Club Championship, A. D. Humphreys beat Capt. C. O. Oliver 6-1, 6-0, 6-1; L. Forster beat Major H. Greensway 6-2, 2-6, 6-2, 9-7.

In the Mixed Doubles Handicap, Major H. G. Bagnall and Mrs. Bagnall (scr.) got into the semi-final by beating A. H. Crook and Mrs. Crook (owe 3/6), 6-1, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Open Championship Singles—L. Forster v. R. Hamada; A. D. Humphreys v. A. A. Rumljahn.

Open Championship Doubles—Lt. Col. F. J. Bowen and Col. L. Humphry v. Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend.

Club Championship—Major C. Wilson v. E. G. Grimble; F. A. Dinsdale v. G. W. Sewell.

Handicap Singles "A"—Capt. P. H. Davies v. C. C. Stark.

Mixed Doubles Handicap—Major H. Greensway and Miss Burdett v. G. R. Sayer and Mrs. Sayer.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The following are the players remaining in the championships:

OPEN SINGLES.

Second Round.

A5. L. Forster v. R. Hamada.

A8. A. D. Humphreys v. A. A. Rumljahn.

Third Round.

B3. Winner of A5 v. M. K. Lo.

B4. Winner of A3 v. J. B. Penman.

Semi-Finals.

Ng Sze Kwong v. Wong Po Keung.

Winner of B3 v. Winner of B4.

OPEN DOUBLES.

Second Round.

A4. J. B. Penman and A. D. Humphreys v. Major C. Wilson and L. Forster.

Third Round.

B2. Wong Po Keung and v. Yvanovich v. Winners of A4.

B3. Lt. Col. F. J. Bowen and Col. L. Humphrey v. Major H. M. Edwards and R. Townsend.

Semi-Finals.

R. and H. Hancock v. Winners of B2.

Winners of B3 v. Captain Leslie Smith and J. S. Jennings.

CLUB SINGLES.

First Round.

A1. Major C. Wilson v. E. G. Grimble.

A2. F. A. Dinsdale v. G. W. Sewell.

A5. Capt. Davies v. G. M. Dodwell.

Second Round.

B1. Winner of A1 v. Winner of A2.

B2. Winner of A5 v. A. D. Humphreys.

B4. A. B. Raworth v. L. Forster.

Semi-Finals.

Winner of B1 v. J. B. Penman.

Winner of B3 v. Winner of B4.

DUTCH SHIPPING.

THE "ALDERAMIN."

BIGGEST DUTCH SHIP TO CALL HERE.

The United Netherlands Steamship Company cargo vessel the "Alderman," which leaves Hongkong on April 10, is the largest ship flying the Dutch flag ever to enter a harbour east of Singapore, being equalled by the new Dutch liners plying between the Dutch East Indies and Holland, which, however never come beyond the Malay archipelago. The ship has a dead-weight tonnage of 12,300 tons, 7,700 gross tons and 6,900 net tons. It is 485 feet long, has a draught of 28 feet, a beam of 61 feet, 2,000 h.p. and a speed of 12 knots.

The "Alderman" was built by the Vulkan Shipyard at Vegesack, near Bremen, Germany, for the German company the Roland Line, but when still in the stocks was exchanged with the Netherlands Steamship Agency for 10 smaller steamers. The German firm also included the "Alderman's" sister ship the "Aberham." She was later allotted to her present owners.

The vessel left Hamburg in December for Yokohama. She did not carry much through cargo, but did a large interport business on the way out. She reloaded very little cargo in Japan proper, but is to pick up 5,000 tons of goods at Kobe, and 10,000 tons at Yokohama.

THEATRE ROYAL.

"THE MAID OF THE MOUNTAINS."

ANOTHER HANDMAN SUCCESS.

The reputation of the musical play, "The Maid of the Mountains," is so wide-spread that it can be no matter of surprise that the Bandman Opera Company was welcomed by an exceptionally full house. The booking for the dress circle and stalls had been exceptionally heavy during the last few days and many who came to the Theatre to book had to be turned away. The Company certainly deserved to have the satisfaction of playing to full benches, for in capable hands the play was carried through in a bright and clever manner. It is no mere platitude to say that it would be hard to find a single person who was at all disappointed either at the production of the play or the manner in which the artists handled their parts.

The plot of the "Maid of the Mountains" is nothing exceptional and follows the usual line of musical comedy. It gives, however, ample scope for good work and for some very humorous passages. The scene opens in the mountain stronghold of a gang of brigands, the chief of whom is Baldassarre. In this wild establishment is Teresa, the Maid of the Mountains, who while seeing to the cooking and mending of her companions has found time to fall desperately in love with the robber chief. Her affection however, is not returned, or apparently appreciated, for Baldassarre during one of his expeditions has met another girl. In proof of his devotion he wears upon his cloak a jewel he took from her. At the opening scene the robbers are in a bad way for their hold has been surrounded. The chief decides that Teresa must leave and she is sent away in advance. Her departure almost synchronises with the entrance of Angela, the other girl, who with Vittoria, has become lost. Baldassarre impresses them at first with his courtly manner, but when at last he becomes known Angela has a number of hard things to say. On top of it all Teresa is captured. The robbers decide to save her by holding up the equipage of the new governor of Santo, and the chief goes to the town impersonating the august person. Here he meets Teresa and the escape is planned, but he also meets Angela and decides to stay. Angered at this Teresa denounces him, arrest following. Baldassarre is sent to an island, Angela refusing to have anything to do with him. Here Teresa puts her love to the greatest test, releasing the chief after being told that Angela has forgiven him. This action brings her into Baldassarre's arms.

It will be readily observed that much turns on the way the characters of Teresa and Baldassarre are taken. That the play was such a success says much for Miss Dora Dolan and Mr. Leyland Hodgson. The former carried off her part splendidly, her musical numbers being especially appreciated. Mr. Hodgson appeared with one arm in a sling, the result of a slight accident, and although it rather hampered him in his love-making, it in no way detracted from the excellence of his portrayal of the robber chief. To Messrs. Jack Crichton, Dan Mansfield and Jerry Verno fall the duties of the humorists. They made the best of their opportunities and kept the audience continually laughing. Miss Doree Hanbury was entrusted with the part of Angela and did well. To the other members of the cast must be extended general congratulations for their skill. It is certain that the performance of "The Maid of the Mountains" will be remembered here as one of the most notable successes of any company brought out by Mr. Bandman.

"The Kiss Call" is being produced to-night.

BIG FIRE IN TOKYO.

133 PEOPLE INJURED.

1,000 HOUSES DESTROYED.

The following message has been received here from Tokyo: "The worst fire for a decade imperilled this city to-night. It destroyed a thousand houses in the north-west district, caused injuries to 133 persons and rendered thousands homeless. The loss is estimated at 1,250,000 (7 dollars). The buildings destroyed included three hospitals, banks, and several large business houses."

"A violent wind drove the flames toward the heart of the city for four hours, causing a panic. Four thousand troops aided the firemen, but only the cessation of the wind permitted the checking of the flames."

"The conflagration gave rise to a scene of terror in many sections, and the streets were blocked with refugees, and their worldly possessions loaded on carts. Many of these half-frozen refugees were mere infants. The mounted police had difficulty in restraining impatient panics."

"The Imperial garden has been opened for the sufferers, and the Diet adjourned when the threatening nature of the fire was reported."

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GAMBLERS' HANDS.

MONTE CARLO SCENES.

RANEE OF SARAWAK'S IMPRESSIONS.

The Ranee of Sarawak writes in a Home paper—

I believed that in fiction, in music, and in art I had been through every emotion, that I had sounded the depths of human thought. Now I know that it is not in a body or a brain that you can read a character but in the gesture of a hand.

You artists who paint triangles that look like battlefields but are meant to be "A Lady in a Bath," who revel in splashes of colour denoting some Cubist emotion of your own, on a simple green baize cloth I could show to you one of the greatest natural emotions in the world. The emotion of hands.

What is the impression that I carry with me from the Monte Carlo Casino? Just this. A kaleidoscope of shape and form against a full green setting. What a picture for an artist!

What a pitiful tragic display of secret weaknesses and vice! Occasionally one beautiful hand surrounded by the pained, the clutching, and the old. Every thought, every atom of concentration, is in the varied fingers that give and take.

Let Mr. Augustus John or some of his disciples go to the Casino at Monte Carlo and paint the long, coffin-shaped table surrounded by these hundred human hands. Eliminate the bodies—they are but empty shells. Cut them off from the elbow, and you will have a picture more cruelly expressive than even the mirrored reflection of a face.

The real gambler bites his nails. The man who gambles for his actual living leaves his nails unwashed. The sign, nervous, boyish hand may one day hold a pistol to its owner's head.

The beautiful hand throws down its money for a jest.

And yet, all this mass of twisting, turning, folding, and unclosing fingers go home and perform their normal duties. Some cook; some flutter at lovers' necks; others rock cradles. Behold, the emotion is over. Once more the machinery of convention is at work. It is midnight. The Casino doors are closed.

SUPERSTITIONS.

A HAIR OF THE DOG.

"A hair of the dog that bit you" is in many parts of the country something more than a handy metaphor signifying that that which caused the evil will work the cure. If one will take the trouble to investigate he will be surprised how wide-spread is still the belief that the evil effects of a dog-bite may be cured by applying to the wound "a hair of the dog." And this superstition exists not only in this country but in many others, being as widespread in locality as it is ancient in origin. It has its genesis in the old, old belief in sympathetic magic—the close connection which the ancients conceived to exist between a person and anything closely related to him or constructed in a resemblance of him and still more closely, naturally, between a man and any part of him which might become severed from his person—such as the hair or nails especially, living and growing parts of his bodily structure.

Thus the hair came to be regarded, even when cut off, as still in reality a fragment of its former wearer and, logically, what a man's hair was to a man a dog's hair was to a dog. Now the spittle of a man, or of any other animal belongs peculiarly to, in one sense, a part of, the man or other animal which secretes it. Therefore, if bitten by a dog apply to the wound a hair of the dog, with all its properties for evil, will be attracted, naturally, to its homogenous part, the hair, and act injure the alien body into which it has been injected. That's the way the ancients reasoned it out. Modern man does not reason it out at all but still practices his sympathetic magic with a hair of the dog that bit him.

Old residents in the East will regret to hear that Bob Alton, the popular advance agent for Harmsen's Circus, died in Soerabaya Hospital on February 17, from cancer of the throat. Alton was a cheery, good-hearted kindly man, who made friends wherever he went by his unassuming manner and genuine disposition, and his death will be a cause of real regret to many.

